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Terry Gilton et al.

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For: METHOD OF FORMING A
METAL SEED LAYER FOR
SUBSEQUENT PLATING

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 15, 2000, please amend the
above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of plating a metal layer on a substrate, comprising the steps of:

providing a substrate;

forming a barrier layer, containing a reducing agent, on a top surface of the

substrate;

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